



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Legislature created the Minnesota Highway Patrol in 1929 with an initial force of nine men; and
- WHEREAS: More than 500 State Troopers now offer assistance, education, and law enforcement to citizens, and provide for safe, efficient movement of traffic on Minnesota's roadways; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Patrol is dedicated to making our highways safer by working tirelessly to prevent tragedies from occurring on our roadways; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Patrol, recognizing the hundreds of families who have lost loved ones in traffic crashes, focuses on the mission of traffic safety;
- WHEREAS: Minnesota State Troopers educate citizens about the importance of traffic safety, investigate and reconstruct serious crashes, conduct search and rescue missions, assist other law enforcement agencies, and serve as a vital component of the state's homeland security efforts; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota State Troopers are supported by 295 non-sworn personnel; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota State Troopers take an oath to lay down their lives rather than deviate from the course of duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Monday, August 25, 2014, as:

## MINNESOTA STATE PATROL DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE